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methyl cellulose  
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polyvinyl alcohol  
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The disclosure relates to an ash strengthener for tobacco products and comprises in treating whole leaf, shredded or particles of tobacco and/or cigarette papers with an ash stabilizer.

The ash stabilizer comprises water solutions of such compounds as polyvinyl alcohol, methyl cellulose ether, and certain natural gums and resins such as gum acacia and tragacanth, the concentration varying from a few tenths of one per cent to several per cent.

The ash stabilizer comprising a .5 to 2.0 per cent water solution of polyvinyl alcohol or methyl cellulose ether may be mixed with the flavoring and incorporated with the tobacco in the conventional manner, or these percentages may be incorporated in the flavoring base itself instead of water.

Optionally, the ash stabilizer may be applied by spraying or by dipping the tobacco product thereinto.

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